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TAGS: OVIP (BARRINGER) IC

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DOD REPRESENTATIVE TO ICELAND

1. AS DISCUSSED BETWEEN AMBASSADOR HILL, ASD(ISA), AND AMBASSADOR IRVING DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT HERE, DOD DESIRES TO SEND PHILIP E. BARRINGER, GS-16, DIRECTOR, FOREIGN MILITARY RIGHTS AFFAIRS, OASD(ISA) TO ICELAND. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO ACQUIRE AS MUCH FIRST-HAND INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE REGARDING FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US FORCES AND FACILITIES IN ICELAND IN VIEW GO'S INVOCATION OF ARTICLE VII.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND COMICEDEFOR WOULD BE APPRECIATED, AS WELL AS VISITS TO SITES AND SUCH MEETINGS WITH ICELANDIC OFFICIALS AS AMBASSADOR IRVING MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. BARRINGER AWARE THAT AMBASSADOR IRVING'S SCHEDULE WILL BE TIGHT NEXT WEEK AND HE PREPARED STAY A WEEK, OR LONGER, IF REQUIRED SET UP MEETINGS

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WITH ICELANDERS. VISIT IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY, HOWEVER,

TO ANTICIPATE LATER FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, BUT RATHER TO EXPLORE MAJOR ISSUES TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, IN LIGHT OF US EXPERIENCE IN RECENT BASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. ONE PARTICULAR AREA OF INTEREST IS ANY EVIDENCE OF LATENT ICELANDIC DISSATISFACTION WITH REGARD TO PROVISIONS OF 1951 AGREEMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF US FORCES THEREUNDER, SUCH AS AIRPORT OPERATIONS, CRIMINAL JURISDICTION, CUSTOMS, AND POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO "CIVILIAN-

IZATION" AS ENVISAGED BY GOI.

3. WE RECOGNIZE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR VISIT'S BEGINNING JULY 23, BUT IN VIEW VARIOUS INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ACTIONS HERE, EARLIER COMPLETION OF TRIP WOULD BE DESIRABLE. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS YOU HAVE SERIOUS OBJECTION, BARRINGER NOW SCHEDULED ARRIVE KEFLAVIK 0700 JULY 17 VIA ICELANDIC 200, WITH RETURN SCHEDULE LEFT OPEN. HE HOLDS TOP SECRET CLEARANCE.

4. FOR CINCLANT: REGRET THIS ADVANCED SCHEDULE WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR BARRINGER TO VISIT YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR CONSULTATION PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO ICELAND. HE WILL PLAN TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RETURNING.

5. DEFENSE CONCURS. RUSH

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